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INTRODUCITON OF WLL SYSTEM
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to introduce the WLL technology all over India;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the installation cost is very high for the consumers;

(d) if so, whether the Government have any plans to bring down such rates;

(e) if so, the details thereof; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI TAPAN SIKDAR)

(a) & (b): Yes, Sir. The Government has a proposal to introduce Wireless in Local Loop (WLL) Technology in the countryMahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited (MTNL) has already introduced this technology in Delhi and MumbaiBharat sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) has a proposal to provide 8 lakhs connections in the urban areas and 10 lakhs in the rural areas during the year 2002-2003.

(c) to (f): No, Sir. The tariff for fixed telephone on wireless in Local Loop including installation charges are same as applicablefor regular wired lines connections except special deposit of Rs. 10000/- for subscriber terminal. Alternatively an insurance scheme at the rate of Rs. 20 per month is also introduced for the consumers in lieu of Rs. 10000/-. The tariff charges for calls are decided by TRAI (Telecom Regulatory Authority of India).